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# TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH ALABAMA.

IN pursuance of a requisition made by Gen. A. S. JOHNSTON, under the authority of the War Department, upon Alabama, for twelve months troops, the Governor issued his late Proclamation, calling upon our section of the State for Volunteers, for that term. We have seen the letter of Gen. Johnston, and believe that we are correctly advised of our true situation—of the forces of the enemy, as well as our means of resistance. We would not needlessly alarm or excite our people, but we would earnestly impress upon them the necessity of the most prompt and energetic action, by which we are confident success can be obtained; while, without such action, success is doubtful. The enemy is concentrating in heavy force upon Columbus, Kentucky, and if we are overwhelmed with numbers at that point, Memphis will next be invested—the contest will have to be carried on in East Tennessee, and your own valley may suffer the unspeakable horrors of invasion from a ruthless and unrelenting foe. Prudence and safety require us to meet the enemy on the threshold—to defend the outposts rather than the citadel—the door-sill rather than the hearth-stone. The valley of the Tennessee has already sent forth her volunteers to defend the soil of Virginia, and to protect our Gulf coast from invasion: it is necessary that they should rally now for the protection of their own families and fire-sides. This can best be done by defending Columbus and Memphis. Your volunteers are required at the *earliest possible moment*; no time is to be lost! Every arrangement is made to facilitate the transportation of troops to the points where their services will be required, and to supply them with subsistence and equipments. All they want to be prepared to start, are Arms!—Shot Guns or Rifles, their Bullet Moulds, Shot Pouches and Powder Flasks! Every Gun which is furnished, will be returned, or paid for; and no man who has one should hesitate in furnishing it to those who are to use it for his defense. The honor, as well as the safety of the State, is involved in promptly responding to the requisition, and thus avoiding the necessity of meeting the exigency by a draft upon the militia, which must otherwise be resorted to.

As your Representatives, we have deemed it advisable, in view of the momentous interests which are involved, to address you, and most earnestly to solicit your speedy action.

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